

WHAT IS CLAIMED:

1. A media recording device, comprising:
a receiver operable to receive a broadcast signal comprising a media transmission;
a storage device operable to continuously store the received media transmission;
a user input device operable to receive an input from a user indicative of a date and time occurring in the past for playback of the stored media transmission; and
a playback device operable to play back stored media transmission beginning at the user-provided date and time.
2. The device, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the user input device comprises a dial rotatable in a counter-clockwise direction for indicating a playback time and date occurring in the past.
3. The device, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the user input device further comprises a display operable to display a time and date occurring in the past corresponding to an amount of dial rotation.
4. The device, as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a processor operable to search the storage device for a received media transmission associated with a date and time matching the user-provided date and time, and provide the media transmission matching the user-provided date and time to the playback device.
5. The device, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the playback device comprises an audio output.
6. The device, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the playback device comprises a video output.
7. The device, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the storage device is operable to store a predetermined amount of continuous media transmission for playback.
8. The device, as set forth in claim 1, further comprising a second receiver operable to receive media transmission broadcast over a second channel for storage in the storage device.

9. The device, as set forth in claim 1, further comprising an analog-to-digital converter operable to convert the media transmission from an analog format received by the receiver to a digital format for storage by the storage device.

10. The device, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the receiver is operable to receive broadcast radio signals.

11. The device, as set forth in claim 1, wherein the receiver is operable to receive broadcast television signals.

12. A method of media transmission playback, comprising:
continuously receiving a broadcast signal comprising a media transmission;
continuously storing the received media transmission;
receiving a user input indicative of a date and time occurring in the past; and
playing back the stored media transmission beginning at the received date and time.

13. The method, as set forth in claim 12, further comprising receiving a user input indicative of at least one desired broadcast channel and continuously receiving broadcast signal of the at least one desired broadcast channel.

14. The method, as set forth in claim 12, further comprising displaying the user-provided time and date occurring in the past.

15. The method, as set forth in claim 12, further comprising searching the storage device for a received media transmission associated with a date and time matching the user-provided date and time, and providing the media transmission matching the user-provided date and time for playback.

17. The method, as set forth in claim 12, wherein playing back the stored media transmission comprises providing an audio output.

18. The method, as set forth in claim 12, wherein playing back the stored media transmission comprises providing a video output.

19. The method, as set forth in claim 12, wherein continuously storing the received media transmission comprises storing media transmission received in the past predetermined number of hours.

20. The method, as set forth in claim 12, wherein continuously storing the received media transmission comprises writing over media transmission received beyond a past predetermined number of hours.

21. The method, as set forth in claim 12, wherein continuously storing the received media transmission comprises storing media transmission received in the past predetermined number of days.

22. The method, as set forth in claim 12, wherein continuously storing the received media transmission comprises writing over media transmission received beyond a past predetermined number of days.

23. The method, as set forth in claim 12, further comprising receiving media transmission broadcast over a second channel and continuously storing the received media transmission.

24. The method, as set forth in claim 12, further comprising converting the received media transmission from an analog format to a digital format for storing.

25. The method, as set forth in claim 12, wherein continuously receiving a broadcast signal comprises receiving broadcast radio signals.

26. The method, as set forth in claim 12, wherein continuously receiving a broadcast signal comprises receiving broadcast television signals.

27. The method, as set forth in claim 12, wherein continuously storing the received media transmission comprises storing a date and time associated with the received media transmission.

28. The method, as set forth in claim 12, wherein continuously storing the received media transmission comprises storing a broadcast channel identification associated with the received media transmission.